

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data ~~desired~~intended to be transmitted from a personal computer coupled to a first communication network to a server coupled to a second communication network, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging a gateway between the first communication network and the second communication network such that data transmitted between the first communication network and the second communication network is supplied to the gateway;

detecting at the gateway whether copyrighted work data in communication data has been transmitted from the personal computer which is ~~desired~~intended to be supplied to the server;

determining whether a user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

prohibiting the communication data from being uploaded to the server depending upon the a determined result obtained by said step of~~the determining step~~.

2. (previously presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the copyright owner is notified that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

3. (previously presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright